

**P-20 Council
Alignment Committee Meeting
November 15, 2007-2:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Committee Members Present: Dr. David Curd (telephonic), Dr. Karen Nicodemus (telephonic), and Laura Palmer Noone.
Staff Present: Erin Hart (telephonic), Debra Raeder, and Claire Parriott.
Guests: Stephanie Jacobsen of ABOR and Steve Duffy.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Karen Nicodemus called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. It was noted that Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. David Curd, and Erin Hart were attending telephonically.

2. Update/Discussion: Raising Graduation Requirements

Dr. Karen Nicodemus reported that the State Board of Education (SBE) has been gathering input on the draft proposal for new high school graduation requirements. She also stated that there is concern regarding the Regents Diploma and as a result it may be removed from consideration. The SBE will vote on the proposal on Monday, December 10, 2007.

3. Update/Discussion: Higher Education Feasibility and Demand Study

Staff reported that the Governor's Office is working with the Legislative Higher Education Committees on strategic planning and a funding formula related to the recommendations from the information provided through the study.

4. Update/Discussion: Alignment Institute

An abbreviated Alignment Team attended the third Achieve Inc. cohort meeting in Washington, D.C. on November 6th-8th, and is beginning to work on identifying a Team to begin reviewing Arizona's English Language Arts Standard. A draft timeline for this work was provided to the Committee with the caveat that the Team has not had a formal first meeting to provide input into and finalize the timeline.

5. Update on work of the P-20 Council/Committees

Staff provided a brief update on the current status of the coordinated communications campaign.

6. Next Steps

It was suggested that P-20 look into College Readiness Assessments and ascertain the feasibility of administering such assessments to Arizona's high school students. Dr. Karen Nicodemus suggested that this might be a discussion for the joint university and community college presidents' meeting coming up in December. Dr. Nicodemus also suggested that staff gather feedback on the current committee meeting structure as next year's meetings are being scheduled.

7. Call to the Public

No public comment was taken at this time.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Karen Nicodemus at 2:45 pm.